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Provide Courts for the Revision of the Lists of Parliamentary Voters in the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast, and to amend the Laws which regulate the Registration of Voters in said Borough.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885, the parliamentary borough of Belfast has been extended, and seven townlands situate in the county of Antrim, and fourteen townlands situate in the county of Down, mentioned in the Fifth Schedule to said Act, have been included in said parliamentary borough, and voters who formerly were entitled to vote for Members of Parliament for said counties, in respect of property situate within said townlands, are not now so entitled, but are entitled to vote for the Members of Parliament for said parliamentary borough of Belfast, and said parliamentary borough of Belfast has by said Act been divided into four divisions and authorised to return four Members to Parliament instead of two as formerly. Whereas the court that was used for the purpose of the revision of voters' lists previous to the extension of the borough is not now sufficient, and it has become necessary, owing to such extension, to provide additional courts for the revision of the lists of parliamentary voters in the borough of Belfast, and to amend the laws regulating the registration of such voters by making provision for defraying the expenses of and incident to such revision and registration :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the Belfast Parliamentary Borough Registration Act, 1890.

[Bill 158.]

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Power to
hold courts
for revision
of parliamen-
tary voters
in county
court house.

2. The several courts for the revision of the lists of voters for the parliamentary borough of Belfast shall be held in the court house of the county Antrim, situate in the borough of Belfast, or in such other place within the said borough as shall be appointed for that purpose by the recorder of the borough of Belfast, and the expense of and incident to procuring the use of the said court house for the purpose of holding said courts of revision shall be defrayed by the clerk of the peace for the city of Belfast and included by him in his account herein-after mentioned.

Accounts of
expenses of
courts to be
ascertained
by recorder,
and defrayed
by Corpora-
tion of
Belfast and
grand juries,
counties An-
trim and
Down.

3. Accounts of all expenses incurred by the clerk of the peace and by the town clerk acting in and for the parliamentary borough of Belfast, in carrying into effect the provisions of the several Acts for the registration of the parliamentary voters in the parliamentary borough of Belfast, or incident thereto, shall be laid before the recorder of the borough of Belfast, and the said recorder shall sign and give to such clerk of the peace and town clerk respectively certificates of the sums which he shall allow to be due to them in respect of such expenses, and also of such sums as he shall deem it reasonable to allow to each of them for his trouble in carrying into effect the provisions of said Acts, and shall also give to the said clerk of the peace and town clerk certificates of the sums to be paid by and as the contribution of the municipal borough of Belfast, and of each of the said counties of Antrim and Down, towards defraying the sums so allowed, and the sum to be contributed by the said municipal borough of Belfast and by each of said counties shall be calculated as nearly as may be according to the same relative proportion as the number of persons in the municipal borough of Belfast, and in that portion of the parliamentary borough of Belfast situate in the county of Antrim, and not situate within the municipal borough of Belfast, and in that portion of the parliamentary borough of Belfast situate in the county of Down, and not situate within the municipal borough of Belfast, placed on the register of said parliamentary borough shall bear to the total number of persons upon the same register, and such accounts and certificates shall be laid before the town council of the municipal borough of Belfast, and before the grand jury of the county of Antrim, and also before the grand jury of the county of Down, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said town council, and they are hereby required at their next meeting after the date of said certificate, to order to be paid out of the borough rate or such other fund or rate as the said council shall decide, the sum in such certificate mentioned as the contribution of the said municipal borough to be paid

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to said clerk of the peace and to the said town clerk; and it shall also be lawful for said grand jury of the county of Antrim, and for the said grand jury of the county of Down, and they are hereby required, without application to presentment sessions at the next 5 sittings after the date of said certificate, to present to be raised off said county Antrim and county Down respectively, the sum in such certificate mentioned as the contribution of each such county, to be paid to the said clerk of the peace and to the said town clerk, and the said recorder shall ascertain and include in the first certificate to be granted by him after the *passing of this Act*, the amount 10 that should be contributed, and by what body, for the remuneration and expenses to which the said clerk of the peace is entitled, in respect of voters' lists which have been revised since the passing of said Redistribution of Seats Act, 1885, and which have not been 15 paid to the said clerk of the peace.

Registration of Voters
(Borough of Belfast).

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To provide Powers for the Revision of
the Lists of Electorating Voters in
the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast,
and to amend the Law which regulates
the Registration of Voters in
said Borough.

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